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1. Balovi is located at approximately 56°30'N 27°E, about 250 kilometers east of Riga, from 1920 to mid-1943. Balovi had a population of about 1500 in 1943. There were about 15 stores in town selling such things as clothing, bicycles, medicine, and groceries. Viliaka had a population of about 750 people and only one or two stores.
2. Enclosure A is a sketch of the area near Balovi. The distances shown are from (X) to (X). The main road from Balovi to Viliaka and to Lindovo is mostly gravelled and is from 18 to 20 feet wide. The other roads shown are little more than cart paths, and any powered vehicle but a tractor could travel on them. The railroad shown is single tracked.
3. approximately 50% of the area shown on Enclosure A is covered by forests. Originally, the whole area was covered by trees, but the pioneers cut out sections for their farms. The trees are pine, elm, birch, oak, and some nut trees. The forests are not impenetrable. Paths are not necessary as one can easily travel in any direction through them. The entire area is quite flat.
4. The average farmer has about 10 people in his household and farms an area about 0.5 kilometer square. In 1943 a farmer would have about 10 cows, five sheep, two or three pigs, chickens, geese and one horse. He grew potatoes, wheat, clover, peas and other vegetables. In the area bounded by Balovi, Viliaka and "A" there were about 30 farms, two or three tractors and two or three reapers. In 1943 approximately 40% of the people were of Soviet origin, 58% of Latvian origin and two percent of other origin. Everybody intensely disliked the Communists and Communism.
5. The annotations on Enclosure A refer as follows - -
 - (1) Hospital, a two-story wood building having about 25 beds
 - (2) Steam powered flour mill and electric power house
 - (3) Telephone type poles along south side of road. Two wires were carried by the poles.

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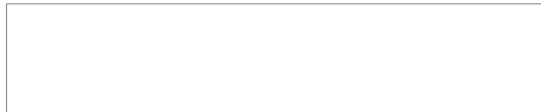
- (4) Telephone type poles along north side of railroad carrying four to six wires.
- (5) Railroad station, Balovi
- (6) Railroad station, Kuprava
- (7) Railroad station, Vesulni
- (8) Steel frame bridge, 20 to 30 meters long
- (9) Wood bridge, 20 meters long
- (10) Lake, one kilometer diameter
- (11) Lake, one and one-half kilometer diameter
- (12) Forests
- (13) Farm of the family Alexeev
- (14) Farm of the family Kizhev
- (15) Farm of the family Ozelyn
- (16) Small stream, Trestianka, about 15 meters wide.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Area Near Balovi

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ENCLOSURE (A)

